

by contact with daily life, his soul is not. There is no better spiritual barometer to test the true condition of the soul's atmosphere. He to whom the Bible seems wearisome, monotonous, uninteresting, has good cause for alarm. The neglect of it springs from coldness of affection toward its author, and dislike of his rebukes. Whoever wants to grow in grace simply must study the Bible. It is the way to gain stability of doctrine so as not to be carried about with every wind of opinion.

Jesus a Constant Companion

Henry Drummond.

Make Christ your constant companion. Be more under his influence than under any other influence. Ten minutes spent in his society every day—aye two minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart—will make the whole day different. Every character has an inward spring; let Christ be it. Every action has a key-note; let Christ set it. Yesterday you got a certain letter. You sat down and wrote a reply which almost scorched the paper. You picked up the cruelest adjectives you knew, and sent it forth, without a pang, to do its ruthless work. You did that because your life was set in the wrong key. You began the day with the mirror placed at the wrong angle. Tomorrow at daybreak turn it toward him, and even to your enemy the fashion of our countenance will be changed. Whatever you then do, one thing you will find that you could not do—you could not write that letter. Your first impulse may be the same, your judgment may be unchanged; you will rise from your desk an unavenged, but a greater and more Christian man.

Caring for God

Northern Christian Advocate.

There are many Christians who are eager for the assurance that God cares for them. At times they question whether God really does care for them. They quite incline to think that God has forsaken them. But would it not be very well for us all often to ask ourselves the question: "Do I care for God? Am I daily interested in some of the great things which interest him?" Are not many of us decidedly selfish in this matter? Are we not much more concerned about God's caring for us than we are about our caring for him? We often yearn for the assurance that God does particularly and blessedly care for our good pleasure; let us also show by our faith and love and labor that we care a great deal for the good pleasure of Him who has enriched us with priceless blessings.

Death's Blessing

Sunday-school Times.

Dying is a privilege. Where others have the fear, the Christian has the privilege, of dying. His gift of eternal life does not compel him to go on eternally in this present incompleteness of life. His victory is not so much a victory over death as a victory thro death. "To die is gain." Christ's promise

is not that we may continue to live on forever in this world; his promise is of a better world thro death. We are given a vastly better hope than the hope of not dying; we are given the hope of entering thro death a larger life. The story of life is not one "from the cradle to the grave," but a story from the cradle thro the grave to glory. Francis of Assisi, in his wonderful "Canticle to the Sun," included a clause which may be rung out joyously by human lips as well as by the saints in light: "Praises be to God for our Sister, the death of the body."

Our Young People

THE RIGHT USE OF TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Acts 24:24, 25.

Topic June 26.

DAILY READINGS

- M. Working and watching, Neh. 4:9-16.
- T. Folly of idleness, Prov. 24:30-34.
- W. Remembrance of God, Eccl. 12:1.
- T. Work for God, John 9:4.
- F. Opportunity lost, 1 Kings 20:39, 40.
- S. Opportunity used, Esther 4:14.

"Time is money," so the adage runs for the business man, but to the Christian time is more than money; time is opportunity. There is so much sin and sickness and selfishness and sorrow in the world that one longs for a thousand tongues and ten thousand hands with which to preach the gospel that maketh glad and to help in the ministry that hastens the kingdom on, but life is short at best, and a large part of it is passed in sleep or childhood or old age or attending to daily wants so that a small fraction is left for direct work. No wonder Paul spoke of "buying up the opportunity;" no wonder Christ said "I must work while it is called today." The most pitiful cry of the dying Christian is "must I go and empty handed!" O that all might learn that not only every whit of our talent but every dollar of our money and every moment of our time is to be used in the way in which we can do the most good! How much idleness and "clambering and wantonness" would be avoided.

The Jews had definite laws regarding tithes and offerings and holy days because they were children. The race has developed and if we have the mind of Christ all these things will take care of themselves. The Christian should bear the fruit of the spirit as naturally as the carnal mind bears the fruits of the flesh. 2 Pet. 1:8 R. V. "If these things be in you and abound they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Learn from this lesson that idleness is a sin and that every man's work shall be tried and judged. 1 Cor. 3:11-15.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

1. It is as much a sin to be idle during the six days as it is to work on the seventh, Ex. 20:9.
2. Some injunctions on working, Matt. 21:28; 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:10-12. Eph. 5:16 (R. V. margin) Col. 4:5.
3. Some things to avoid, Rom. 13:11-14.
4. The example of Christ, John 9:4; John 5:17; John 17:4.
5. There is a time for preparation, Acts 7:30; Luke 12:13, 14.
6. There is a time for rest, Mark 6:31.
7. A guiding principle, 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17.
8. The end of idleness, Prov. 31:27; Eccl. 10:18; 1 Tim. 5:13.
9. Promises to the diligent, Prov. 10:4; Prov. 22:29.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How may we know if we are spending our time aright or not?
2. What are some wrong ways of using time?

3. Is the use of time to be counted as part of the use of talent? If so what must we conclude as to its proper use.

4. What are some profitable ways of using odd moments?

5. How can we promote a proper use of time?

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CHICAGO MISSION

Soldiers of Christ Jesus:—In this day of war and rumors of war, we are very apt to forget that we are in the enemy's country and that we too must fight and be on our guard. Satan often leads us into dangerous waters with the promise that there are no mines there. Perhaps to go to a dance or a card party or the opera. No mines there, he says. But dear brother and sister, thousands have been blown up right along this line. We can compromise on most everything, but never on religion, never on Christ. Brother, we must give no quarters, but wave the blood stained banner of Christ and never retreat. We are too easily frightened, and we are too ready to drop when one of the bullets of Satan comes near us or hits us. Again we are apt to sit down and wait his coming. Dewey and Sampson are out far from home and friends, seeking the enemy's fleet to destroy it. Let us go and storm the forts of darkness and bring them down. The spirit of every true American is at a white heat. At present almost every window has the flag in it. This is a thing we like to see. Bankers leave their banks, statesmen their post, farmers their farms. What for? Why, to save the country's honor, which, brother, at its best, is only for time. But when it comes to fighting for God and precious souls, then we say we have no time. What would you think of a man leaving his post as a senator at Washington to redeem the souls of men?